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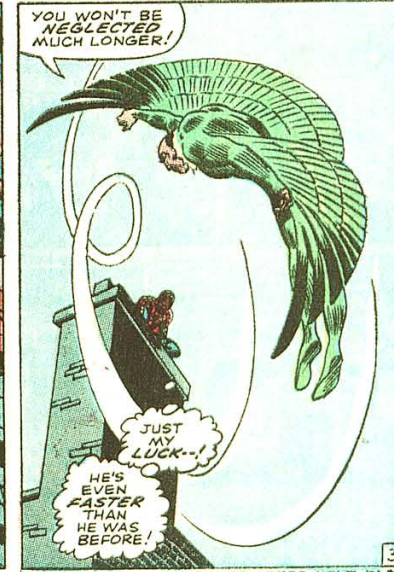
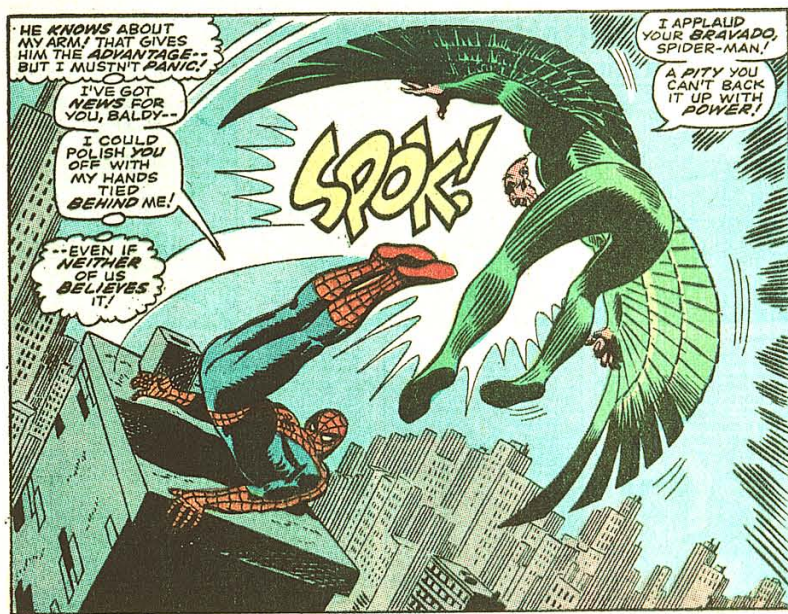
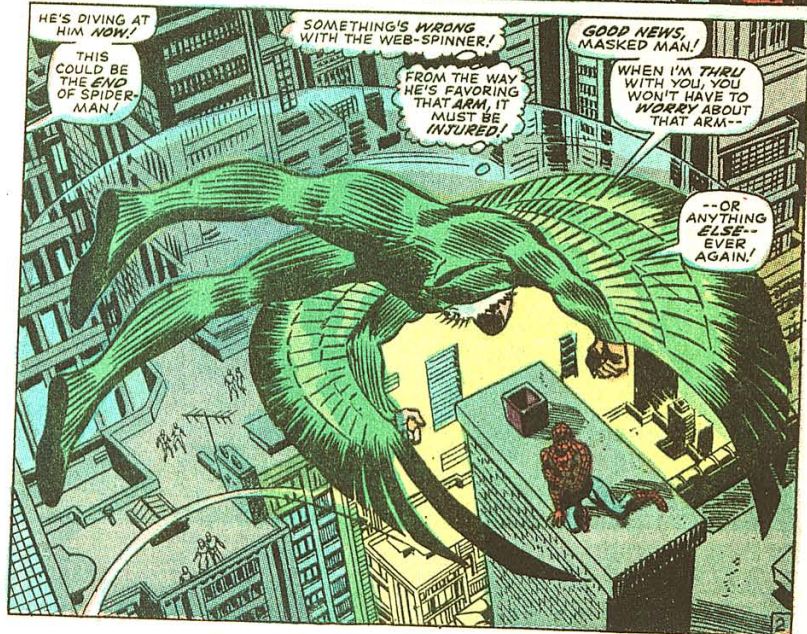
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VULTURE'S
PREY!



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PETE DUNCAN—"DROPOUT"

"WHEN I TURNED 16, I WANTED TO REALLY START LIVING..."



FREE AT LAST!
NO MORE SCHOOL FOR ME.
MY NEW JOB PAYS \$60
A WEEK, AND I'M BUYING
A CAR WITH MY
OWN MONEY!

"A REAL BALL—FOR 6 MONTHS, THEN..."

BUSINESS IS BAD,
PETE. WE'VE GOT
TO LAY YOU OFF.

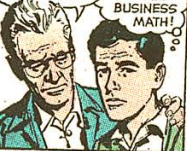
BUT HOW WILL I
KEEP UP PAYMENTS
ON MY CAR?



"I DRIFTED FROM JOB TO JOB,
AND ALWAYS THE SAME STORY..."

I HATE TO LET
A GOOD MAN
GO, PETE. DO
YOU KNOW ANY
BUSINESS MATH?

WHAT CAN I
SAY? I QUIT
SCHOOL BE-
FORE WE
STUDIED
BUSINESS
MATH!



"A YEAR AFTER QUITTING SCHOOL,
I WAS OUT OF A JOB, FOR THE
THIRD TIME."

PETE! YOU LOOK-
ING FOR A JOB
HERE, TOO?

BOB SHOLL!
YEAH! I FIGURE
I'VE GOT THE
EXPERIENCE!



"BUT BOB'S DIPLOMA HELPED HIM
CINCH THE JOB I WANTED."

MY OLD CLASSMATES NOT
ONLY GOT THE BETTER JOBS,
THEY'RE PAID MORE MONEY
TO START.



"I FINALLY GOT A JOB. \$60 A
WEEK. BUT I HAD TO SELL
MY CAR!"

I QUIT SCHOOL TO MAKE
\$60 A WEEK! I HAVEN'T
HAD A RAISE
IN TWO YEARS!



"THEN, AT LAST, MY LUCK
SEEMED TO TURN..."

HELEN, YOU'RE THE BEST
THING THAT'S HAPPENED
TO ME IN YEARS!



"HELEN AND I WERE MARRIED.
A YEAR LATER, OUR FIRST CHILD
WAS BORN. WE COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN HAPPIER UNTIL, ONE DAY
AT THE PLANT..."

HEARD THE NEWS, PETE? THEY'RE
GOING TO START LAYING OFF
MEN NEXT WEEK!



"WITH A WIFE AND FAMILY TO
CONSIDER, I COULD NO
LONGER AFFORD TO BE
LAID OFF..."

WHAT'RE YOU
DOING, PETE?



"AT LAST! THE BIG DAY..."

MY I.C.S. HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMA! GOOD-BYE
LAYOFFS! NOBODY CAN
STOP ME NOW!



"WHAT A DIFFERENCE THAT I.C.S. DIPLOMA
MADE AT MY NEXT JOB INTERVIEW..."

THE JOB'S YOURS, PETE,
STARTING AT \$105 A
WEEK... AND IT'S A
JOB WITH A FUTURE!

GREAT!
WAIT! I
TELL HELEN!



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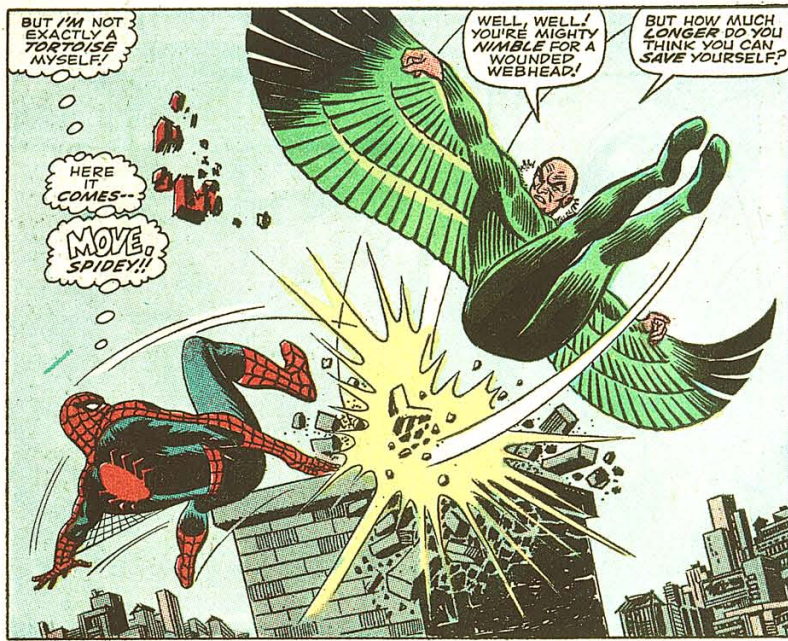
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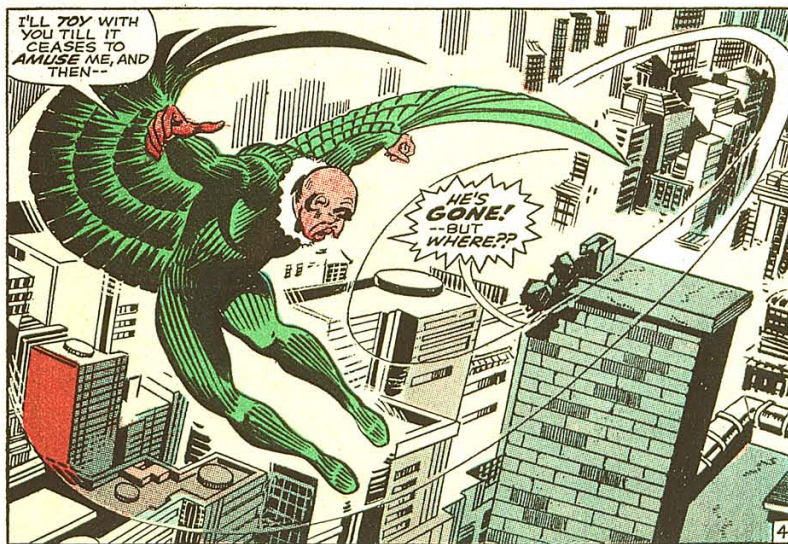


BUT I'M NOT
EXACTLY A
TORTOISE
MYSELF!

HERE IT
COMES—
MOVE,
SPIDEY!!

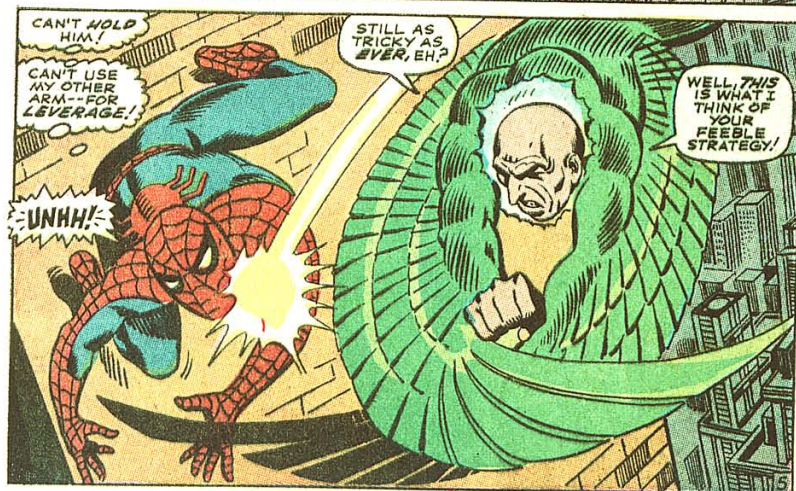
WELL, WELL!
YOU'RE MIGHTY
NIMBLE FOR A
WOUNDED
WEBHEAD!

BUT HOW MUCH
LONGER DO YOU
THINK YOU CAN
SAVE YOURSELF?

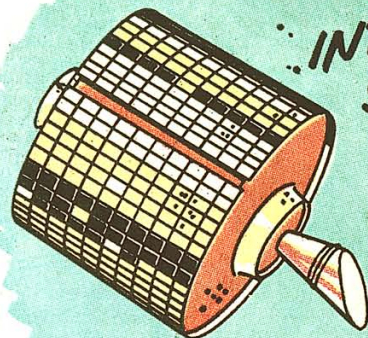


I'LL TOY WITH
YOU TILL IT
CEASES TO
AMUSE ME, AND
THEN--

HE'S
GONE!
--BUT
WHERE??



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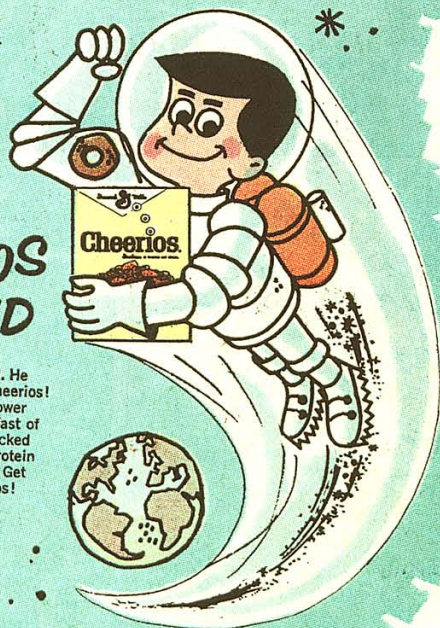


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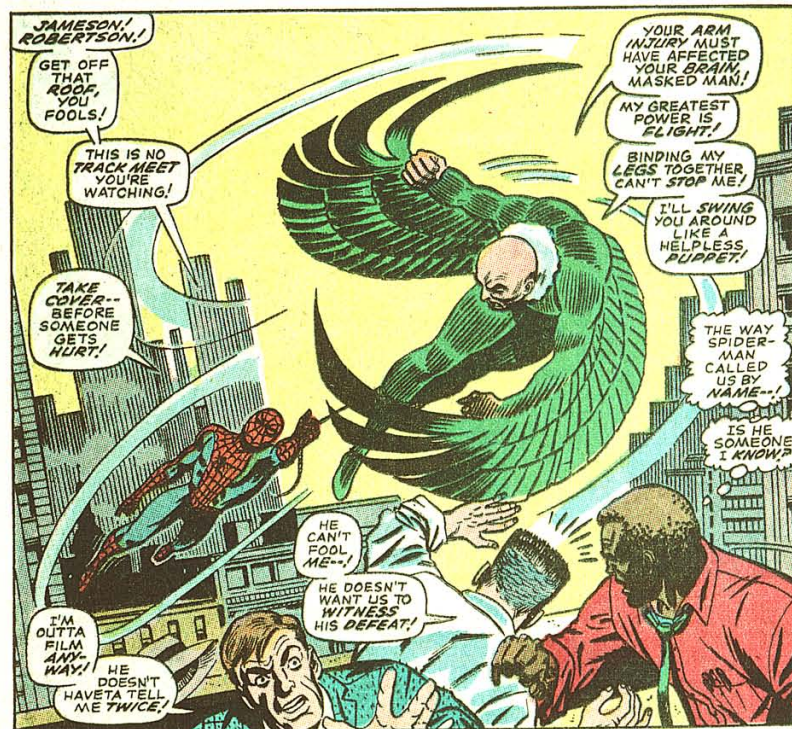
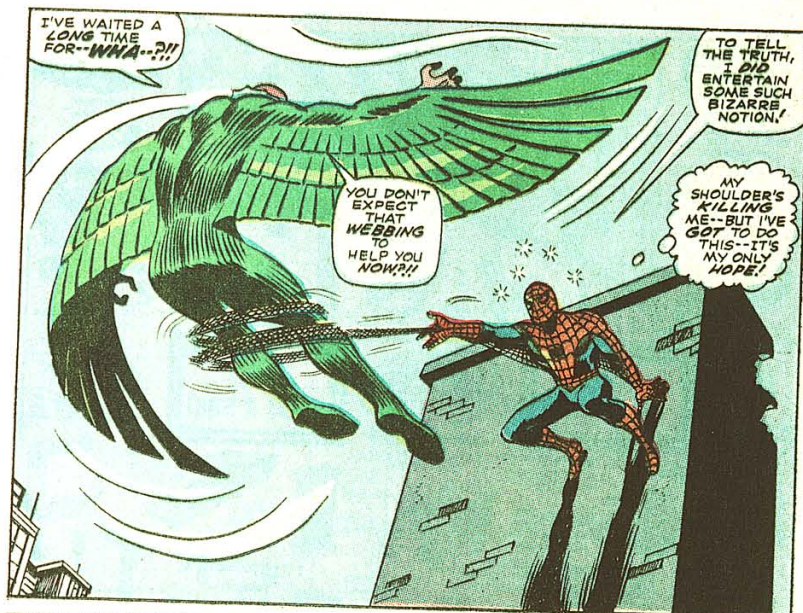
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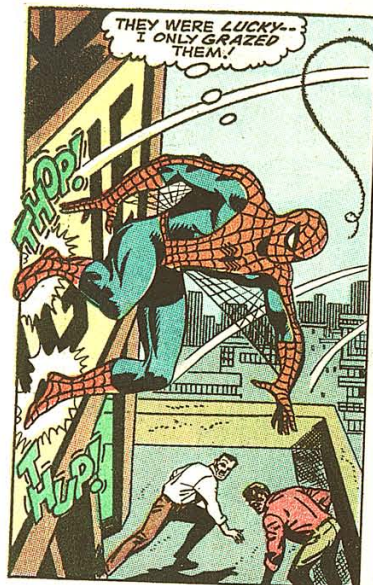
MY NAME _____ (Print clearly)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____





THEY WERE LUCKY...
I ONLY GRAZED
THEM!



SPIDER-MAN--
WATCH IT!
HE'S COMING
AT YOU AGAIN!

WHAT ARE
YOU
WARNING
HIM FOR?
I'M
ROOTING
FOR THE
VULTURE!



HAH! NOW THAT
MY LEGS ARE
FREE AGAIN, I'LL
USE THEM TO--
UHH!

BLAST IT!!
HOW DID YOU
MOVE SO
FAST?



IF HIS FEET HAD
CONNECTED,
GOING AT
THAT SPEED,
HE'D HAVE
STOMPED ME
TO--
UH OH!

THE IMPACT
LOOSENED SOME
CHUNKS OF
THE BUGLE
SIGN!
THEY'RE
FALLING--
TOWARDS
JAMESON
AND ROBBIE!



WE'LL
BE
CRUSHED!

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—C. H., Lanett, Ala.

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—P. M., Port Huron, Mich.

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—N. S., Los Angeles, Calif.

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—A. H., Chicago, Ill.

It has given me more pleasure than any other game.

—S. E., Rossville, Ind.

The most exciting and fun game ever.

—L. S., Boston, Mass.

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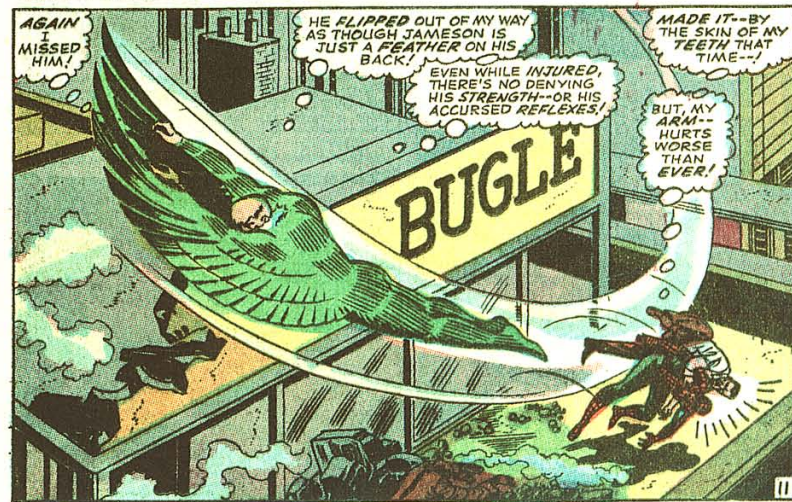
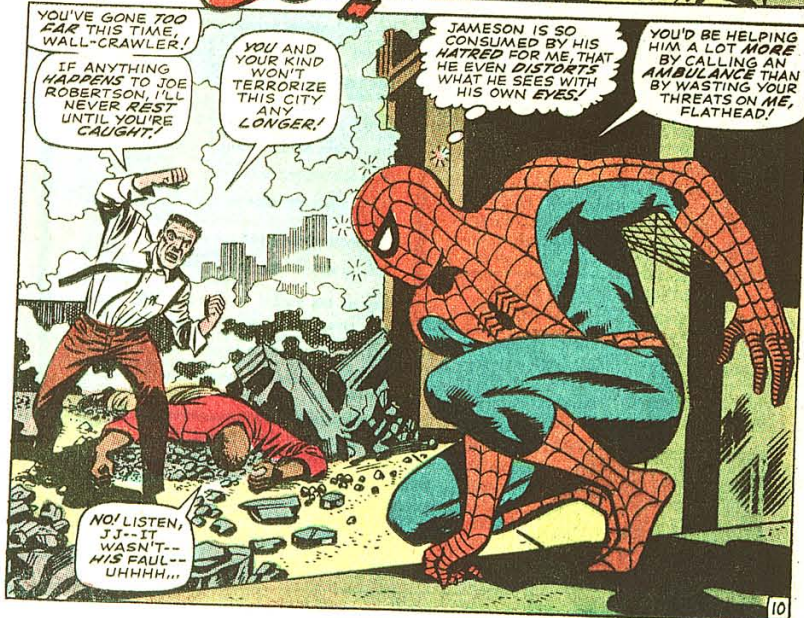
—J. R., Brooklyn, N. Y.

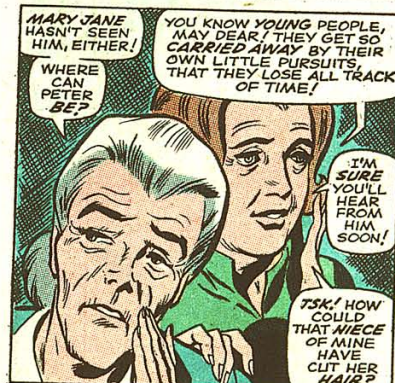
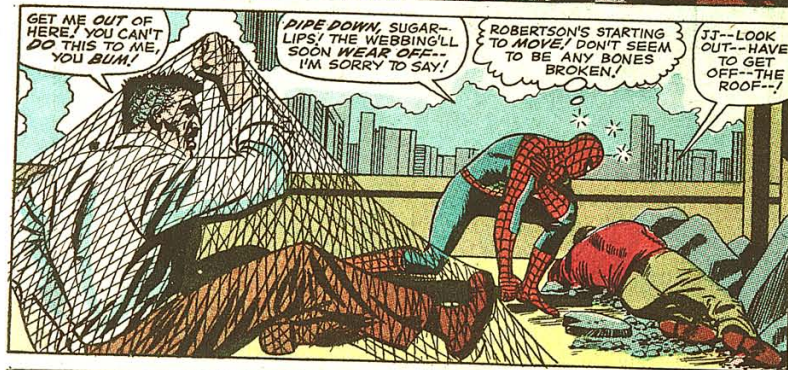
Best on the market.

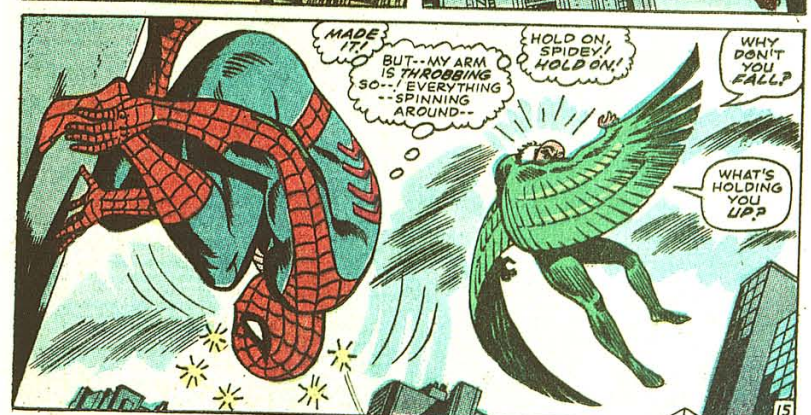
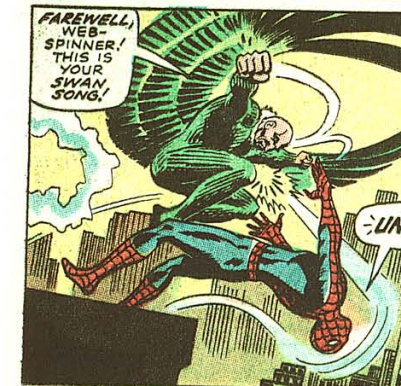
—J. E., Miami, Fla.

Has given me more enjoyment than I have ever had from any one thing in my entire life. It's worth its weight in gold. As I love baseball, this game gives me something enjoyable to do during the off seasons as well as during the season.

—S. C., Temple City, Calif.







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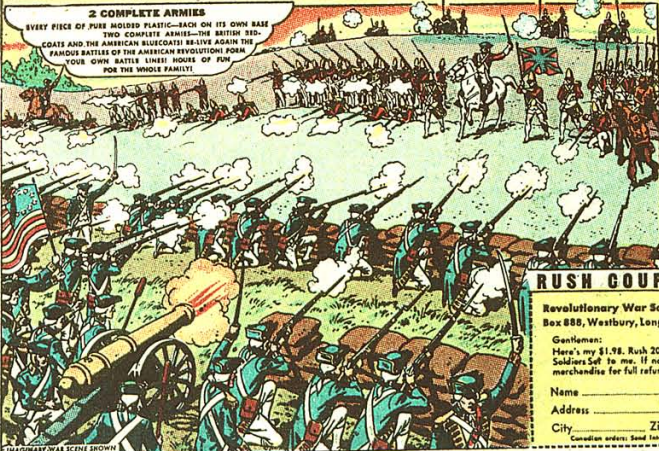
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HELPLESS
HERE--AND
HE KNOWS
IT!



BUT NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS--
I'M NOT HANDING
HIM A VICTORY!

ARM OR NO
ARM--I'VE STILL
GOT MY WITS--
AND MY
STRENGTH!

OKAY,
VULCH!
YOU WANT
ME? COME
AND GET
ME!



THAT'S
JUST
WHAT
I HAD IN
MIND!



GOTTA TIME
THIS--TO
THE SPLIT-
SECOND--

YOUR GRIP IS
WEAKER THAN
EVER!

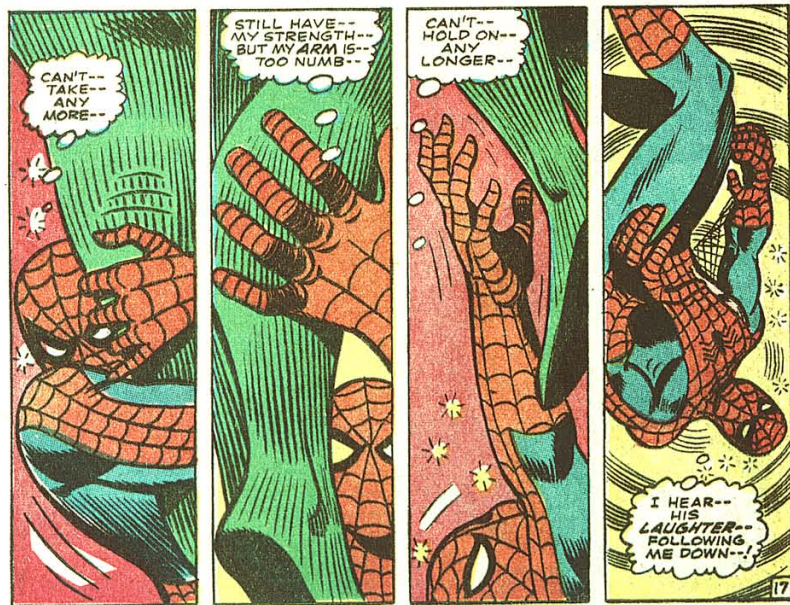
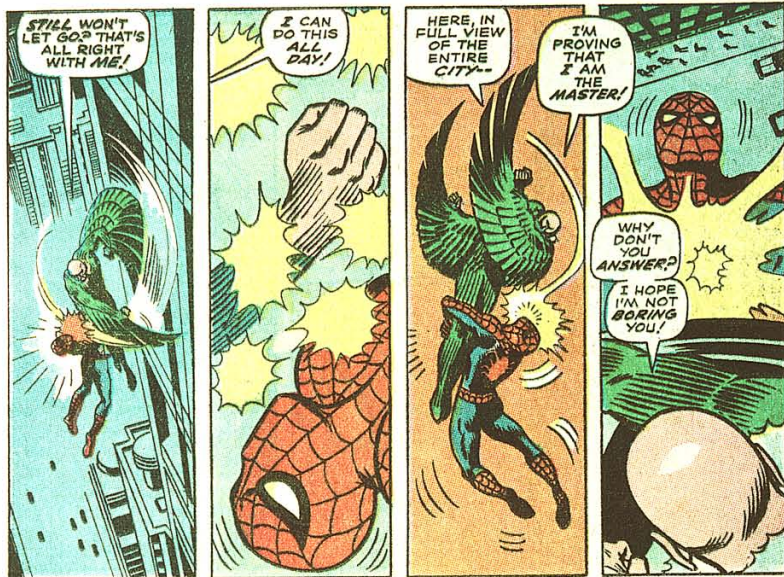
WE BOTH
KNOW YOU
HAVEN'T A
CHANCE!

NOW!



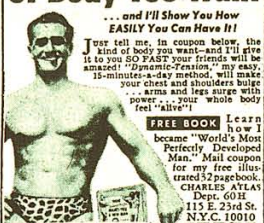
BUT I'LL
BE HAPPY
TO PROVE
IT--THE
HARD
WAY!

UHHH--!



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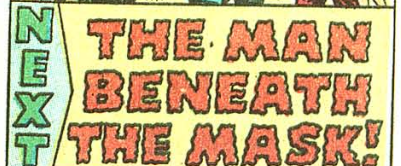
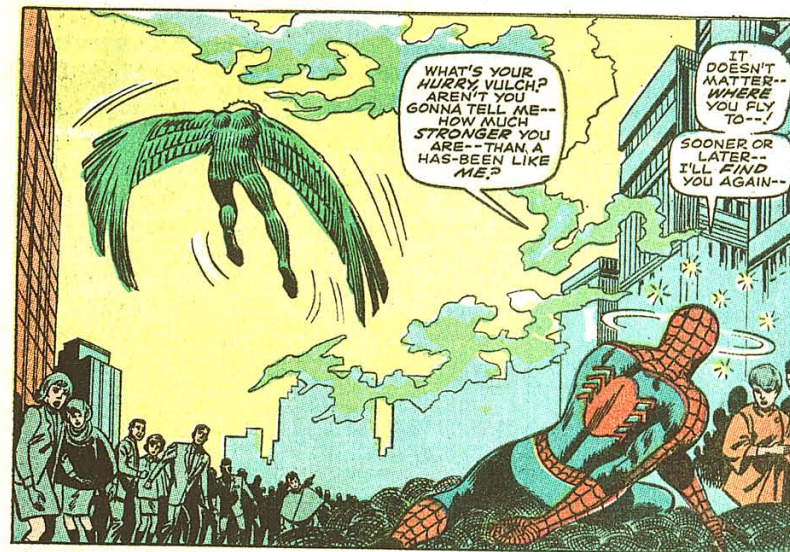
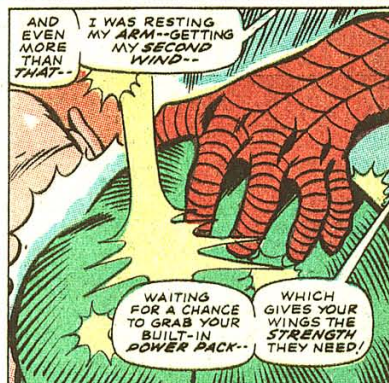
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Dear Stan and John,

Cruel Sadistic! All you ever do is give poor Spidey problems. He's supposed to be a normal everyday teenager, but you show me one teenager that has problems like that? I tell you, you're the best comic book ever sold with all those problems. Especially J. Jonah Jameson. If I were Spidey I'd... by the way, why does Jameson hate Spidey so much? He saved Jameson's son two times! You really get me mad, though, with the problems you give him. Disgusting. Even though I am a true believer there are times I feel like turning to Brand Echh. But I have been a believer too long to be a traitor. Aunt May — "sheesh" — as if Jameson weren't bad enough. Why don't you let Aunt May get better? And then to add more on Spidey's always getting sick or something. I'd rather lose and have no problems than to win and have problems up to my neck. If that was me, I think that I wouldn't have lasted as long as Spidey has. I'd have had a nervous breakdown. Now, to conclude my fearful letter, a small piece of advice: I guarantee that if you take away some of those problems and let him live as a natural teenager should you'll sell twice as many mags as you're selling now.

Vernon West, 99 Broadstreet Ave.
Revere, Massachusetts 02151

We might sell more mags, Vern, but we would be selling a lot of fans short. We can't just go in there and do a patch-up job on all Peter Parker's problems! He's a complex character who of necessity has a complex life — and all the frustration and grief he has to go through are as much a part of his development as the good times he has! Spider-Man, like so many colorful greats, lives life on a giant scale. His successes and victories are tremendous, but on the other hand, so are his personal failures. If Pete didn't have Aunt May, and JJJ and Gwen to worry about (among other things!) the Great See-Saw of Life would teeter-totter off balance! (How's that for a non-sequitur?)

Dear Stan and John,

I picked up SPIDER-MAN #61 today since I wanted to be here early for the introduction of your new 35¢ SPIDER-MAN (just think, 72 pages a month!). As I looked at the cover, I observed that you had set up a rather impossible situation, what with the falling vat of molten whatever and Spider-Man swooping through the air to rescue Gwen Stacy and her father. However, as I read your story it became even more impossible. What is a vat of Marvel-knows-what doing suspended from the ceiling of a research lab filled with electronic equipment? I also observed that the vat is beaker-shaped with a lip to facilitate pouring. Now where in Marvel-dom are you going to pour this stuff? On the floor?! I beseech you, if you are trying to excite your readers, try to excite them in the great Marvel tradition of soundly based incidents and characters. This instance was highly reminiscent of the Brand Echh theme of having menaces drop out of thin air (hoor, boy!).

Sam Cokerham, Box 82
Beattyville, Kentucky 41311

Not really, Sammy! Y'see, we happen to have a perfectly plausible explanation for that vat of molten Marvel-knows-what. Osborn Laboratories have been working for months on a new plastic coating for automo-

biles which will prevent rusting or chipping of the paint. The beaker-shape is so that a great deal of the fluid can be poured over the car body, which would normally occupy the space held by Capt. Stacy and Gwen in ish #61. Okay? Now, what we can't explain is why in one panel the vat is filled with pink plastic while in the next it's empty! Just think, S.C. — if you'd pointed that out you would've qualified for a no-prize!



Dear Stan and John,

I really don't believe it! I thought you guys at Marvel were supposed to be the world's most original comic book writers. Well, I have reason to believe that statement is wrong! Years ago, long before you did, I thought of creating a superhero named Spiderman. Although the following are insignificant details, my character differed from yours in many ways. He started out as a meek little creature whom I named Harvey Parker. His Uncle Franklin had died, leaving him alone with his Aunt Jane. While watching a baseball game, (the disliked academic subjects) he was struck on the head by a foul ball. This, in turn, produced a serious effect on his pituitary gland, causing him to sprout six extra arms (hence the name Spiderman). Of course, he was too stupid to devise a way to shoot artificial webbing, he was too frail to sew a costume for himself, and sweated much too profusely under pressure to be able to climb sheer walls. And even though I made him up and controlled his every move, he was defeated before I introduced the villain he was supposed to fight. Believe it or not, nobody enjoyed the comic so I quit publication. But, still unable to give up, I've created four new characters. The constipated matchstick, the gargantuan orange peel, the rubber band, and the now-you-see-me-now-you-don't-girl. What do you think I should name them?

Les Harris, 8206 W. 16th Street
St. Louis, Mo. 63114

Would you believe the Flaggerbagger Foursome?? Come on, Les, you can do better than that! Nobody would want to read a mag based on characters like those! What you should concentrate on is a series of fantastic adventures based on the life and loves of the typical American scientist! Suppose he gets caught in a stream of Zeta rays, and is changed into a charthouse pygmy named Chunk... now that's what we call a story line!

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I was reading one of the letters published in Spidey #61 in which the author stated that the thing that sets you apart from your competitors is realism. As far as your stories go, I totally agree with him. The inside artwork is very realistic also. But your cover Bullets! They have no realism at all! As a matter of fact, I think they stink! The only thing that's keeping me a Marvelite is your superb stories. It's not the artwork itself that's so bad. The artwork is as great as usual, and getting better all the time. It's just that you're missing details. Not small unimportant details like forgetting to put the webbing under Spidey's arms, but big, very important details. Your new covers don't have anything. Just a drawing of the main characters involved in the story. Look back at some of the covers of issues 25 or 30 copies old. Now those are what I call covers. Back then you could look at a cover and almost tell what the story was going to be about! Then the covers had skies, buildings, people not really as important as main characters. Well, it was just more detailed and realistic. So please, try and see if you can start improving on those covers. I am sure it would make a lot of Marvelites happy. Herman Niewendaal, 3913 Bay Avenue
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Verily thou hast cut us to the quick, Herman-the-Heartless! 'Cause we thought the covers were getting better all the time, and from the mail we've been receiving we had no reason to think otherwise until your bilious-doux dropped into the hopper! Ouch! You sure know how to hurt a Bullpen! We try to make the covers as dramatic and exciting as possible, and this issue's cover does have skies, buildings, and people! If your can't tell that the story's about the Vulture before you reach page one... well, we'll pass your complaint along to Fiendish Forbush!

Dear Stan and John,

I just picked up issue #61 of SPIDER-MAN and witnessed the brief career of a promising villain. I refer to Mr. Osborn's adorable lab assistant who was allied to the evil Kingpin. Obviously, this man was a great genius of the first quality, and I was disappointed in his untimely demise. I think you should bring this man back to life and reform him so that he may put his charm and potential to use in aiding mankind, after the example of the Lizard Man. To do otherwise would be a tragic waste. It would also be a shame to leave him with the image of being some kind of refugee from the Funny Farm since he was apparently a "scientist first!"

Laura Winkler, Institute of Living
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A "scientist first", maybe — but a good guy last! We have racked our reasoning powers trying to find something to substantiate your analysis of Winkler as an adorable, charming genius — but, Laurie baby, we just can't come up with anything! We just know your little ol' last name can't have a thing to do with it!

Dear Stan and John,

I am sick and tired of seeing letters and hearing people say that you should bring back the Spidey of old. Therefore I am writing this letter in defense of the new and much improved Spider-Man. It all started when John took over the art chores. From that point on Peter began emerging slowly but surely into the handsome and well-oriented young man that he now is. More and more I find myself eagerly awaiting the exploits of Peter Parker even more than his alter ego Spider-Man. The blending of the two personalities together has made Spider-Man the best mag you produce. In the early issues of SPIDER-MAN we saw girls liking Peter more out of pity than anything else. In recent issues, however, girls like Pete for being his lovable self. The quality of girls has also improved. Let's face it, Comparing Liz with Gwen is like comparing the Thing with Sue Richards. Well,

so much for Spidey, I would like to say I'm in favor of your producing more and more mags, although it is quite a strain on the old wallet. Since you are giving everyone else and their brother a whole mag why not let my chest I'll just keep facing front until Aunt Petunia joins the Yancy Street Gang.

Rodney Gloafly, R.R. 1
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Or until her lovable nappy joins the Junior League, eh Rod? Well, don't worry — you aren't the only front-facer who digs the way Pete's been shaping up lately! And you definitely aren't the only Spiderophile pulverized by the pulchritude of Gwen and M.J.I. It's kind of like to arouse too much pity for a guy with a selective like that to choose from — even when the gals give him a hard time! Oh, by the way — Aunt Petunia just sent us a picture postcard — from Yancy Street! What are ya — a witch?

Dear Stan and John,

This is my first letter to a magazine so I ask that you try to overlook my errors. I am 16 years old and have been a Marvel Comic reader for a few years now. Through these years I have read all of your mags, and I like Spider-Man the best. The artwork and lettering are very good. Better than I have seen in Brand Echh, Ichh, Ouch, and Glopi! Besides this, your stories are also good and your titles superb! But while you may smile at my attempts at flattery I wish to point out a few of your faults. In today's modern society adults are shouting that we teenagers are too young to know about real love, and I am inclined to agree with them in some aspects. So why do you have Peter saying on page 9, panel 2, that he loves Gwen. I agree that she is nice looking, but could it also be an infatuation? He just can't be in love! Creeps! The cat is only about 18 or 19, and from what I gather the babe is only 18! (Come now, Irving). He didn't give Betty or Mary Jane a chance. What makes me come out of my bag every issue is the way J.J.J. is always down-rating Spidey. If I were Spidey I'd go down to that newspaper office and give Jonah a pop up side his bean. The villains in your stories are excellent (Doc Ock, Kingpin, Vulture, and Electro). But they tend to fat mouth it too much. What did they do, attend a Gab-in or something? Can you please tell me what kind of language the kids speak in your book? Such terms as daddio, Pete-o, and big daddy are so square that even the cubes are hiding their corners in shame! Where I come from we don't use those terms. I would like to commend you on the use of Negroes in your mags (I am one). Keep up the good work. The idea of Spidey joining with some group appeals to me, if he were to join some group such as the F.F. he would not get along with them because to me he seems to have an attitude plus the fact that he and the Torch can't stand each other and neither can Ben. The next time Spidey meets the Kingpin (he looks like a reject from some other pen) let Spidey hit him in his flibs gatorial! And so until the Mole Man gets warty, I bid thee gongawel!

Elaine Glover, 3434 So. Quincy St.
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And namna ya tunda sda to you, kiddal! Your letter is so chock full of goodies that we don't know where to begin! Well, for starters, Pete could be merely infatuated with Gwen, but don't discount the possibility of love... after all, Romeo and Juliet were only teenyboppers themselves when they gained literary immortality! Also, we've got to admit that sometimes our supposedly swingin' jargon does sound a bit dated, but you've got to realize that at the rate our lillin' lingo changes, we'd be behind the times before the issue we're now writing hit the stands! So we have to keep our vocabulary standard, and hope that all you squeegee swingers who read SPIDER-MAN will put up with our semi-squariness. I Okay? Okay!



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Do you know 10 people? Of course you do! Add up a half-dozen relatives, perhaps 5 neighbors, the butcher, the baker, the milkman, the grocer, your dentist, several friends and other tradespeople—and you've probably got even more than 20. So what are you waiting for? These folks alone can bring you in at least \$50.00, probably \$100.00 to \$200.00 extra money in just a few hours spare time. And this is just a start! Almost everyone you know needs Christmas Cards, and when you show them the spectacular nationally famous 1968 Wallace Brown Line of Cards and Gift Items—it's love at first sight. They'll snap up 2, 3, 6 or more Christmas Card Boxes right on the spot. Keep up to 50¢ of every dollar you take in! This is the fun way of making money because it's so easy. You don't have to be a salesman because we send you samples that do the selling for you. And besides making money you'll save money on your own Christmas Cards, Gifts, etc. at wholesale prices. See for yourself without risking a penny. Mail the coupon today! You'll be glad you did!

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FREE CATALOG, TOO**



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**Album of Popular-Priced,
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Thrill your friends and neighbors and make even MORE MONEY for yourself with custom-designed Special Value PERSONAL Christmas Cards at amazingly low prices... from only \$1.95 to \$3.95 for 25 cards with name imprinted! A large variety of exclusive, original designs for folks who want the finest quality in Personalized Christmas Cards at prices everybody can afford. It's so easy, too...they sell just by being shown! Just send the coupon for your FREE big, beautiful Album of actual samples of these fast-selling Special Value Personal Christmas Cards! Mail coupon TODAY for this exciting new Album!

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Be first in your neighborhood to cash in on this easy way to extra money with the 1968 Wallace Brown Line of Christmas Cards and Gift Items. Mail coupon this minute! You'll get 2 Greeting Card Assortments on approval. And Free Album of Name-Imprinted Personal Christmas Samples. Plus Free full-color catalog showing lots more money-makers, including many Christmas Assortments, Everyday Greeting Card Assortments, Decorated Stationery, Gift Wrappings, Household Items, etc. Everything you need to start making money at once—and we show you how.

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Name _____ (print clearly)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

If writing for an organization, give its name _____